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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT

REF: ANKARA 1167

1. I HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT MY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 PM, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 19.

2. THE OPIUM ISSUE WILL OF COURSE COME UP. I PLAN TO ADVISE THE PRIME MINISTER THAT I DO NOT YET HAVE A FORMAL USG RESPONSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PROPOSALS. IN MEANTIME, AND DEPENDING ON HOW CONVERSATION PROCEEDS, I WILL SPEAK ALONG LINES REFTEL. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE.

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3. ON LESS URGENT BASIS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE FOR DEPARTMENT

TO EXPLORE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERESTING
WORLD BANK OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL FUNDING RESOURCES IN AN
EXPANDED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE FORMER POPPY-GROWING REGION.

4. MEANWHILE, N FEBRUARY 17, FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES PUT TURK
PRESS STORIES ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH ME INTO BETTER PERSPECTIVE
IN INTERVIEWS GIVEN TO CUMHURIYET AND OTHER
REPORTERS. WHEN ASKED BY CUMHURIYET WHETHER HE HAD REQUESTED AN
INCREASE IN USG CONTRIBUTIONS OR WHETHER HE HAD NOTIFIED ME THAT
TURKEY WOULD RESUME POPPY CULTIVATION, GUNES REPLIED: "I TOLD HIM,
AS I HAVE SAID, THAT IN NO DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY IS IT POSSIBLE FOR
THE GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT SITUATION. I POINTED OUT THAT
WE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY START TALKING THE MATTER OVER IN ALL
ITS ASPECTS AND WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY...IT WAS POSSIBLE TO
COMMENCE THE TALKS WITHOUT PRE-JUDGEMENTS. IN OTHER WORDS, I
OFFERED TALKS WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE NO ASPECT OF THE MATTER BUT WHICH
OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING ALL QUESTIONS INVOLVED."
GUNES ALSO WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT TURKEY HAD MADE A
SACRIFICE
FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY BUT COULD NOT BEAR THE WHOLE BURDEN.
COMPENSATION HAD TO BE MADE FOR THE GRAVE SITUATION CAUSED BY
THE POPPY BAN.
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